REMARKS

Withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

Claims 16, 19-20 and 23-25 have been allowed in this application. Claims 1-15, 17-18, 21-22 and 26-44 are herewith canceled without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to pursue the full scope of the claims.

In view of the remarks, applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the objections to and rejections of the application, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP

By:

Thomas J. Kowalski

Reg. No. 32,147 Amy Leahy

Reg. No. 47,739

(212) 588-0800

(212) 588-0500 (facsimile)

4 00162575